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Classified By: PolCouns Kathy Fitzpatrick for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Per reftel instructions, poloff presented reftel demarche to MFA Deputy DG for NATO Pablo Gutierrez-Segu and MOD deputy DG for International Policy Admiral Enrique Perez Ramirez on Aug 23. On Sept 6, Perez Ramirez and MOD DG for Policy General Benito Raggio told visiting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Dan Fata that Spain has its own national

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plan for strategic airlift which covers its needs. Perez Ramirez explained that Spain's plan focuses on rental contracts at present and the A-400M in the longer term. For now, Spain prefers to rent rather than buy aircraft. He said that Spain continues to observe meetings regarding the NATO consortium but has no intention to participate.
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